





The Democratic State convention in Ohio last week nominated Governor Hoadly for re-election and adopted a platform recommending high license for sale of liquors and evading the tariff issue.

In this issue will be found the address of Hon. Charles L. Wedding, delivered at the Grand memorial service held in Evansville. It is eloquent and brim full of patriotism and information. We are proud that Ohio cannot produce such a man as Mr. Wedding.

The Hartford Herald makes very spirited and vigorous reply to the invitation of the N. Y. State Teachers' Association to come back into the Democratic party. It is very clear and convincing.

The Young men have more self-control, and are more patriotic than a city dandy. It is vain enough to imagine that it is the head and front, body and breeches of the Democratic party of the State—the Grand Goliath—with regal power to sit in judgment on all the Democratic papers, politicians and voters of the State, and turn them out and re-instate them at will.

At the Hartford Herald's out of the Democratic party in 1882 because it refused to support "Tom" Henry. It read it out again this year because it refused to support Tate, and yet we are in the party, have been in it since we were old enough, and are not out yet. We are not sure over that 65,000 majority for Tate. In 1883 Tate, nominated by a convention, received 131,068 votes. This year he received only 107,000, nearly 25,000 votes less than two years ago, and it seems that if anybody should feel over the matter it would be the Young men and the ring of six men who nominated Mr. Tate. We have not said we were sorry for having supported Judge Fox and don't expect to, for it is not true. Instead, we are proud of having voted against Tate and for Fox. We are warm as we wish to be, not out in the cold, and hence cannot come in.

The Young men are a little off, sort of cranky. The court having jurisdiction should have a jury summoned and send the poor thing to the feeble-minded institute—not to the lunatic asylum, for it never had brains enough to become a lunatic.

Kicking Out of the Traces. Ohio is the only county in this Congressional district that gave a majority for Fox for State Treasurer. When we look at the Hartford Herald's editorial kicking out of the party traces, hence the majority for Mr. Fox—Editorialism.

We thought Democracy taught freedom of speech, freedom of thought, freedom of action; the largest individual liberty consistent with the public good. We considered it not only a privilege, but the duty of a Democratic editor to criticize the action of his party, party candidates and officials. We did not know, until informed by the News, that Democratic journalists were hitched up in harness like work beasts and had to pull to suit the driver.

We see there are a few in the State, the News for example, that have not independence enough to think and act for themselves or to call their souls own, who are partisan slaves and dare not have or express an opinion of their own, but are in the traces and wait for the crack of the party whip, the order of the party driver, and obey as submissively as an alleged slave or beast of burden.

We are not one of that class. We never were in the traces to kick out, and more, we do not intend to be. We have notions of our own and dare to express them, and if the News don't like it, it can take the loss of it.

The Old Kentucky Home. Every Kentuckian loves Kentucky and his old Kentucky home. Indeed, we have a tolerably good climate, a vast amount of fertile soil, some magnificent forests, a superabundance of minerals, some fast horses, a few fast women—and a number of beautiful ones—and many gallons of good whisky (if the adjective good may be applied to it at all.)

Yet, with all these "resources," we make but little advancement in the way of healthy progress and true greatness. We are behind in education, and in agriculture. We follow in old routine ruts, and are too conservative—and conservatism is cowardly.

I believe that the impediments are these: We are just a little too fond of our women, horses and whisky; and too blamed hands with firearms.

O, the sweet vales, the rippling brooks, the sweet-scented meadows, the cool shades of our old Kentucky home! Yet notwithstanding our fertile soil, our rich ores, our beautiful sylvan scenes, our people seem to be on the decline, as to progress and greatness; to say nothing of our great decadence in morals.

Our material well-being is, perhaps, good enough. But are our public men as truthful and honest as were our public men in days of yore? Are our men as chivalrous, our women as virtuous as were the fathers and mothers of the Commonwealth? Are we as hospitable, as religious and as full of human sympathy and charity for our fellow creatures as our grandfathers were? No, no! for we have not the firmness, the dignity and openness they had. We worship a gross materialism, we have display, we haunter after fashion, and we are not as devoid of deception and humbug as were the old fathers of our State.

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